

## 65<sup>th</sup> *Economic Policy Panel*

Venue: Aula Magna, Old University Building, University of Malta  
St Paul's Street, Valletta

21-22 April 2017

### Programme

Each session: 70 minutes in total: 25 mins' presentation, 15 mins for each discussant  
15 mins for panel discussions

#### Friday 21 April

- 08.30** Registration and coffee on arrival
- 09:00 – 09:15** **Opening Remarks**  
Mr Alexander Demarco, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Malta
- 09:15 – 10:25** **Who Voted for Brexit? A Comprehensive District-Level Analysis**  
Sascha O Becker (University of Warwick)  
Thiemo Fetzer (University of Warwick)  
\*Dennis Novy (University of Warwick)
- Discussants: Vasso Ioannidou (Lancaster University)  
Andrea Mattozzi (European University Institute)
- 10:25 – 11:35** **The Costs and Benefits of Leaving the EU: Trade Effects**  
Swati Dhingra (London School of Economics and CEP)  
Hanwei Huang (London School of Economics and CEP)  
Gianmarco Ottaviano (London School of Economics and CEP)  
\*João Paulo Pessoa (São Paulo School of Economics and CEP)  
Thomas Sampson (London School of Economics and CEP)  
John Van Reenen (MIT and CEP)
- Discussants: Gino A Gancia (CREI)  
Ugo Panizza (The Graduate Institute, Geneva)
- 11.35 – 11.55** *Coffee break*
- 11:55 – 13:05** **Is Regulation to Blame for the Decline in American Entrepreneurship?**  
\*Nathan Goldschlag (George Mason University)  
Alexander Tabarrok (George Mason University)
- Discussants: Beata Javorcik (University of Oxford)  
Andreas Madestam (Stockholm University)
- 13:05 – 14:35** *Lunch at Panorama Restaurant, 267 St Ursula Street, Valletta*  
<http://panorama.com.mt/>

**14:35 – 15:45**                    **Hiring Subsidies and/or Firing Cost Reduction? Evaluating the Impact of the 2015 Policies on the Italian Labour Market**  
Paolo Sestito (Banca d'Italia)  
\*Eliana Viviano (Banca d'Italia)

Discussants:                    Uwe Sunde (University of Munich)  
Fabian Waldinger (London School of Economics)

**15:45 – 16:55**                    **Evaluating Market Consolidation in Mobile Communications**  
\*Christos Genakos (Cambridge Judge Business School)  
Tommaso Valletti (Imperial College London, European Commission and Università di Roma Tor Vergata)  
Frank Verboven (KU Leuven and Telecom ParisTech)

Discussants:                    Banu Demir Pakel (Bilkent University)  
Francesco Drago (University of Messina)

20:00                                *Departure from The Phoenicia Malta*

20:30                                *Dinner at Bacchus Restaurant, 1 Triq Inguanez, Mdina*  
<http://www.bacchus.com.mt/> (dress code: Smart)

### **Saturday 22 April**

**08.00**                                Coffee

**08:30 – 09:40**                    **Monetary Policy, Mortgages and Consumption: Evidence from Italy**  
Tullio Jappelli (University of Naples Federico II and CSEF)  
\*Annalisa Scognamiglio (University of Naples Federico II and CSEF)

Discussants:                    Elena Carletti (Bocconi University)  
João Francisco P.D. Cocco (London Business School)

**09:40 – 10:50**                    **Dangerous Flexibility – Retirement Reforms Reconsidered**  
Axel Börsch-Supan (Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy, and Technical University of Munich)  
\*Tabea Bucher-Koenen (Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy)  
Nicolas Goll (Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy)  
Vesile Kutlu-Koc (Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy)

Discussants:                    Ghazala Azmat (Sciences Po, Paris)  
Benjamin Born (University of Bonn)

10:50 – 11:00                    *Coffee break*

**11:00 – 12:10**                    **Patent Boxes Design, Patents Location and Local R&D**  
Annette Alstadsæter (Norwegian University of Life Science)  
\*Salvador Barrios (European Commission)  
Gaetan Nicodeme (European Commission and ULB)  
\*Agnieszka Maria Skonieczna (European Commission)  
Antonio Vezzani (European Commission)

Discussants:                    Giacomo Calzolari (University of Bologna)  
Gabriel Felbermayr (CESifo, Munich)

12:30                                *Lunch at The Phoenicia, The Mall Floriana*  
<http://www.phoeniciamalta.com>

*\* Indicates the presenter*